Statement III

S. No.	Name	Designation
	1983	
	NIL	
	1984	
	NIL	
	1985	
1	Shri R.A. Khemani	Chief Engineer
2	Shri R.S. Jindal	Chief Engineer
3	Shri Trilok Singh	Chief Engineer
4	Shri S.C. Dixit	Commissioner (Administration)
5	Shri Ved Parkash,	Chief Architect

Statement IV

A number of steps have been taken to guard against fraud and corruption in DDA. The Heads of Departments have been adviced to fix regular visiting hours to meet the public. The Vice-Chairman himself is freely available to the public. He also hears public grievances on Monday and Friday in the presence of Heads of Departments.

The procedures in the sensitive branches have been streamlined in order to cut out delays. Efforts have been made to ensure that the sensitive seats are not manned by officials of doubtful integrity and suspected antecedents. Surprise inspections are being made by the Vigilance Branch in the office and work sites of the Engineering and Horticulture Departments. A system of regular inspection of branches has been devised under which inspection of each sensitive public dealing branch is made by the Branch Officer in the first instance and subsequently by an officer of another branch. The existing procedures and practices are under critical review. Two committees have been constituted to ensure timely disposal and periodical monitoring of references/ requests as received from the public. The Tata Consultancy Service have been engaged to simplify and streamline the procedure and tone up the administration.

T.V. sets for community viewing

1908. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA:
SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
DR. LOKESH CHANDRA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of community viewing television sets to be installed during the Seventh Five Year Plan, Statewise; and

(b) what is the criteria for the setting up of the community viewing TV sets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) VII Plan of Doordarshan has no provision for installing community viewing TV sets. However, a scheme has been approved in principle to instal 5000 community viewing TV sets in the States

and Union Territories in the North-East. The scheme could not be implemented yet due to lack of plan allocation for this purpose. Details of distribution of community viewing TV sets among the concerned States and Union Territories, etc. have also not yet been finalised. During the Conference of State Information Ministers held on 19th June, 1985 and on several other occasions, all States and Union Territories have been requested to provide community viewing TV sets in their respective areas out of their own resources during the VI and VII plans.

(b) It is for the respective State/Union Territory Governments to fix the criteria for installation of community viewing TV sets provided out of their funds. However, one of the recommendations of the Conference of State Information Ministers referred to above was that in selecting villages for installation of community viewing TV sets, a three-tier approach should be followed. Community viewing TV sets should be first installed in areas already covered by TV signals from terrestrial transmitters and having assured power supply. Areas covered by TV signals from terrestrial transmitters but with erratic or no power supply could be considered next for installation of community viewing TV sets with solar-powered batteries. Finally, in remote areas-not covered by TV signals from terrestrial transmitters and with no power supply, direct reception TV sets with solar-powered batteries could be installed for community viewing.

Identification of areas in the oceanbed for mine development operations

1909. SHRI RAMANAND YADAV:
SHRI KALPNATH RAI:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified certain areas in the oceanbed for mine development operations;

(b) whether Government have entered into foreign collaboration to extract minerals from the oceanbed; and

(c) if so, what are the names of the countries with which India has entered into collaboration for mineral development from the oceanbed and the areas which have been identified to open seabed mines for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) Yes, Sir. After a survey of more than 3 million sq. k.m. in the Central Indian Ocean, two mining sites, each of 150,000 sq. km. areas have been identified.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Legal rights of tribal women

1910. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether tribal women in Bihar have no legal rights over the landed property of their husbands and fathers;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether there is a demand to change the laws in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) to (c) The requisite information is being collected from the Government of Bihar and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Murder of tribal women after declaring the as 'witch'

1911. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that nearly 800 tribal women were murdered after being declared as 'witch' in tribal areas of Ghatcuri, Dodari, Chiria and Chotanagar of Panchayat area in Bihar;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether any study has been made of such incidents and steps taken to compaign amongst tribal through publicity in their 'HO' language; and